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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER 1983

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	OCTOBER 1983	SEPBEMBER 1983	AUGUST 1983	OCTOBER 1982
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,298	12,408	12,331	12,316
Total civilian employment	11,265	11,312	11,128	10,998
Total unemployment	1,033	1,096	1,203	1,318
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	8.4	8.8	9.8	10.7
Range[b]	7.8–9.0	8.1–9.5	9.1–10.5	10.0–11.4
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	8.8	9.3	9.5	10.5
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,338	12,358	12,493	12,339
Total civilian employment	11,343	11,332	11,306	11,065
Total unemployment	995	1,026	1,187	1,274
Unadjusted rate (percent)	8.1	8.3	9.5	10.3
Range[b]	7.5–8.8	7.6–9.0	8.8–10.2	9.6–11.0

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October was 8.4 percent, down from the 8.8 percent in September of 1983 and down from the 10.7 percent in October of 1982. The nation's seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate was 8.8 percent in October of 1983, down from the 9.3 percent in September of 1983, and well below the 10.6 percent reported in October of 1982. Nationally, total seasonally adjusted unemployment was 9,886,000. During October, California's seasonally adjusted employment dropped by 47,000 over the month to a level of 11,265,000. Over the year, total employment has increased by 267,000. Seasonally adjusted unemployment decreased by 63,000 to 1,033,000, the lowest level since December of 1981.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 53,300 from September to October. When the data are adjusted to eliminate normal seasonal changes, the total number of jobs increased by approximately 28,000. The seasonally adjusted data reflect that employment in all industries, except for finance, insurance, and real estate, increased from September in 1983. October was the eighth successive month of record high employment in the service industries and the second month a new employment record was set in wholesale trade. Over the year since last October, total nonfarm employment has increased by 219,400 jobs. Average weekly earnings in manufacturing increased from $384.00 in August to $387.00 in September. Average weekly overtime hours in manufacturing, a leading economic indicator, stood at 3.3 hours in September, up from 2.5 hours a year ago.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	OCTOBER 1983	SEPTEMBER 1983	AUGUST 1983	OCTOBER 1982
Total				
Labor Force	12,338	12,358	12,493	12,339
Employed	11,343	11,332	11,306	11,065
Unemployed	995	1,026	1,188	1,274
Unemployment Rate	8.1	8.3	9.5	10.3
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,536	6,515	6,574	6,393
Employed	6,061	6,033	6,007	5,831
Unemployed	475	483	567	562
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.4	8.6	8.8
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,012	5,025	4,961	5,088
Employed	4,663	4,654	4,574	4,593
Unemployed	349	371	387	495
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.4	7.8	9.7
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	790	818	958	857
Employed	619	645	724	641
Unemployed	171	173	234	216
Unemployment Rate	21.6	21.1	24.4	25.2
White				
Labor Force	10,498	10,532	10,608	10,508
Employed	9,731	9,743	9,709	9,499
Unemployed	768	790	899	1,009
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.5	8.5	9.6
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,840	1,827	1,885	1,831
Employed	1,612	1,590	1,596	1,566
Unemployed	227	237	289	265
Unemployment Rate	12.3	13.0	15.3	14.5

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	September 1983	August 1983	September 1982	September 1983	August 1983	September 1982	September 1983	August 1983	September 1982
California	$386.88	$383.51	$366.21	40.3	40.2	39.0	$9.60	$9.54	$9.39

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR OCTOBER 1983
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
— DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY —

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH OCTOBER 83	PREVIOUS MONTH SEPTEMBER 83	YEAR AGO OCTOBER 82	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,027.0	9,973.7	9,807.6	53.3	219.4	0.5	2.2
Mining	47.3	47.6	49.1	−0.3	−1.8	−0.6	−3.7
Metal Mining	0.9	0.9	1.4	0.0	−0.5	0.0	−35.7
Fuel Mining	39.9	40.2	41.2	−0.3	−1.3	−0.7	−3.2
Nonmetal Mining	6.5	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	401.1	399.5	359.8	1.6	41.3	0.4	11.5
General Building Contractors	98.7	96.8	84.6	1.9	14.1	2.0	16.7
Heavy Construction	89.8	87.5	77.7	2.3	12.1	2.6	15.6
Special Trade Contractors	212.6	215.2	197.5	−2.6	15.1	−1.2	7.6
Manufacturing	1,913.3	1,928.0	1,908.1	−14.7	5.2	−0.8	0.3
Nondurable Goods	621.3	639.5	629.2	−18.2	−7.9	−2.8	−1.3
Durable Goods	1,292.0	1,288.5	1,278.9	3.5	13.1	0.3	1.0
Food and Kindred	178.1	197.2	193.0	−19.1	−14.9	−9.7	−7.7
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	9.7	9.6	9.9	0.1	−0.2	1.0	−2.0
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	51.2	70.8	65.7	−19.6	−14.5	−27.7	−22.1
Other Food and Kindred Products	117.2	116.8	117.4	0.4	−0.2	0.3	−0.2
Textile Mill Products	12.7	12.5	12.1	0.2	0.6	1.6	5.0
Apparel and Other Textile Products	104.3	104.5	101.7	−0.2	2.6	−0.2	2.6
Paper and Allied Products	35.9	35.5	36.5	0.4	−0.6	1.1	−1.6
Printing and Publishing	125.8	125.0	123.5	0.8	2.3	0.6	1.9
Chemicals and Allied Products	61.5	62.1	63.1	−0.6	−1.6	−1.0	−2.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	31.2	31.0	31.4	0.2	−0.2	0.6	−0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	61.7	61.3	57.7	0.4	4.0	0.7	6.9
Leather and Leather Products	10.1	10.4	10.2	−0.3	−0.1	−2.9	−1.0
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	52.3	52.6	43.8	−0.3	8.5	−0.6	19.4
Furniture and Fixtures	53.4	52.4	48.3	1.0	5.1	1.9	10.6
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	50.6	50.1	49.1	0.5	1.5	1.0	3.1
Primary Metal Industries	42.6	43.1	43.6	−0.5	−1.0	−1.2	−2.3
Fabricated Metal Products	132.2	132.1	131.2	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.8
Machinery except Electrical	209.2	209.2	212.1	0.0	−2.9	0.0	−1.4
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	352.7	350.9	340.4	1.8	12.3	0.5	3.6
Transportation Equipment	254.7	254.8	264.1	−0.1	−9.4	−0.0	−3.6
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	25.0	25.3	29.0	−0.3	−4.0	−1.2	−13.8
Aircraft and Parts	137.4	137.3	139.2	0.1	−1.8	0.1	−1.3
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	18.0	17.5	22.1	0.5	−4.1	2.9	−18.6
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	64.1	64.4	64.4	−0.3	−0.3	−0.5	−0.5
Other Transportation Equipment	10.2	10.3	9.4	−0.1	0.8	−1.0	8.5
Instruments and Related Products	101.8	101.8	100.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	42.5	41.5	45.5	1.0	−3.0	2.4	−6.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	545.8	547.5	542.5	−1.7	3.3	−0.3	0.6
Transportation	292.6	293.3	285.8	−0.7	6.8	−0.2	2.4
Railroads	24.0	24.0	23.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
Trucking and Warehousing	118.7	118.3	114.0	0.4	4.7	0.3	4.1
Other Transportation	149.9	151.0	147.9	−1.1	2.0	−0.7	1.4
Communications	177.0	177.7	183.7	−0.7	−6.7	−0.4	−3.6
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	76.2	76.5	73.0	−0.3	3.2	−0.4	4.4
Wholesale Trade	603.6	601.9	586.7	1.7	16.9	0.3	2.9
Retail Trade	1,744.4	1,744.7	1,683.1	−0.3	61.3	−0.0	3.6
General Merchandise Stores	239.3	233.7	225.9	5.6	13.4	2.4	5.9
Food Stores	258.6	259.6	253.1	−1.0	5.5	−0.4	2.2
Other Retail Trade	1,246.5	1,251.4	1,204.1	−4.9	42.4	−0.4	3.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	658.5	660.7	643.1	−2.2	15.4	−0.3	2.4
Finance	326.2	325.8	316.7	0.4	9.5	0.1	3.0
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	188.7	189.3	186.3	−0.6	2.4	−0.3	1.3
Real Estate	126.5	128.5	123.9	−2.0	2.6	−1.6	2.1
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	17.1	17.1	16.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	5.6
Services	2,370.6	2,367.8	2,296.3	2.8	74.3	0.1	3.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	124.2	126.5	115.8	−2.3	8.4	−1.8	7.3
Personal Services	106.2	105.7	101.8	0.5	4.4	0.5	4.3
Business Services	513.5	511.4	499.5	2.1	14.0	0.4	2.8
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	134.5	134.8	133.8	−0.3	0.7	−0.2	0.5
Motion Pictures	78.6	78.9	72.6	−0.3	6.0	−0.4	8.3
Amusement and Recreation Services	108.3	115.0	94.3	−6.7	14.0	−5.8	14.8
Health Services	614.6	615.2	606.5	−0.6	8.1	−0.1	1.3
Other Services	690.7	680.3	672.0	10.4	18.7	1.5	2.8
Government	1,742.4	1,676.0	1,738.9	66.4	3.5	4.0	0.2
Federal Government	322.4	323.9	322.1	−1.5	0.3	−0.5	0.1
State and Local Governments	1,420.0	1,352.1	1,416.8	67.9	3.2	5.0	0.2
County	217.3	218.3	220.0	−1.0	−2.7	−0.5	−1.2
City	189.3	191.2	185.5	−1.9	3.8	−1.0	2.0
Education	752.5	679.5	754.2	73.0	−1.7	10.7	−0.2
Education State	136.5	125.0	136.2	11.5	0.3	9.2	0.2
Education Local	616.0	554.5	618.0	61.5	−2.0	11.1	−0.3
Other State and Local	260.9	263.1	257.1	−2.2	3.8	−0.8	1.5
Other State	173.5	175.5	173.5	−2.0	0.0	−1.1	0.0
Special District	87.4	87.6	83.6	−0.2	3.8	−0.2	4.5
Total Agriculture	378.0	469.0	383.3	−91.0	−5.3	−19.4	−1.4

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
SEPTEMBER 1983

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,358,000	11,332,200	1,025,800	8.3
Alameda	606,000	561,000	45,000	7.4
Alpine	425	375	50	12.7
Amador	8,400	7,525	875	10.4
Butte	66,725	59,950	6,775	10.1
Calaveras	8,750	7,825	925	10.7
Colusa	8,175	7,450	725	8.9
Contra Costa	356,575	333,125	23,450	6.6
Del Norte	7,750	6,675	1,075	13.9
El Dorado	38,550	35,350	3,200	8.3
Fresno	340,200	310,200	30,000	8.8
Glenn	12,050	10,600	1,450	12.1
Humboldt	48,825	43,975	4,850	9.9
Imperial	50,450	30,950	19,500	38.6
Inyo	10,650	9,975	675	6.2
Kern	216,500	192,200	24,300	11.2
Kings	32,800	29,000	3,800	11.6
Lake	16,900	15,200	1,700	10.1
Lassen	9,050	8,350	700	7.7
Los Angeles	3,779,000	3,423,000	356,000	9.4
Madera	36,425	33,100	3,325	9.2
Marin	118,850	112,950	5,900	5.0
Mariposa	5,550	5,175	375	6.8
Mendocino	33,275	30,200	3,075	9.2
Merced	77,725	71,100	6,625	8.5
Modoc	5,425	5,050	375	7.1
Mono	5,450	4,775	675	12.4
Monterey	150,800	138,100	12,700	8.4
Napa	42,400	39,275	3,125	7.4
Nevada	22,925	20,725	2,200	9.6
Orange	1,198,700	1,132,300	66,400	5.5
Placer	60,975	55,875	5,100	8.4
Plumas	7,325	6,625	700	9.7
Riverside	278,300	246,400	31,900	11.5
Sacramento	406,075	373,275	32,800	8.1
San Benito	14,625	13,325	1,300	8.9
San Bernardino	362,300	332,600	29,700	8.2
San Diego	851,600	792,000	59,600	7.0
San Francisco	372,975	344,600	28,375	7.6
San Joaquin	189,800	169,800	20,000	10.5
San Luis Obispo	74,300	70,300	4,000	5.4
San Mateo	315,425	298,075	17,350	5.5
Santa Barbara	165,000	155,000	10,000	6.0
Santa Clara	836,000	784,900	51,100	6.1
Santa Cruz	98,600	91,700	6,900	7.0
Shasta	52,250	46,150	6,100	11.7
Sierra	1,175	1,050	125	10.5
Siskiyou	17,150	14,850	2,300	13.4
Solano	102,275	93,125	9,150	8.9
Sonoma	152,700	142,600	10,100	6.6
Stanislaus	145,200	127,800	17,400	12.0
Sutter	23,850	20,325	3,525	14.8
Tehama	16,275	14,500	1,775	11.0
Trinity	4,975	4,475	500	10.1
Tulare	130,050	117,350	12,700	9.8
Tuolumne	14,950	13,475	1,475	9.9
Ventura	267,900	243,200	24,700	9.2
Yolo	58,500	54,025	4,475	7.7
Yuba	22,300	19,350	2,950	13.2

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.